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***Un-Assuming***  
Mortality  
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

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**Introduction Question:**

- 1) How has your view on aging & mortality changed throughout the course of your lifetime? Do you feel you have a healthy perspective on both life on earth and eternity?

**Sermon Questions:**

- 2) While we are in our “earthly tent,” we groan and are burdened because “outwardly we are wasting away.” Share how you personally (or someone you know) are experiencing physical suffering, aging & deteriorating and how it makes you feel. Then, read verse 16. What helps us NOT to lose heart? Do you have a specific Bible verse that encourages you and helps you?
- 3) Verse 17 says “for our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory....” Paul was looking at his troubles as being “momentary” (v. 17), and he compared it to the coming glory which would be eternal (v. 17, 18). How would you explain to a non-believer that the troubles of this world are “light and momentary” when compared to eternity? What examples from your own life can you use to explain the importance of keeping an eternal perspective?
- 4) Read 2 Cor 4:18. Paul recognized that the world only sees the outward, not the unseen eternal things. How does having a worldly-focus affect us, and how do you fight to keep an eternal focus when you experience hard times?

**Application Question:**

- 5) Pastor Dave challenged us to rethink our goals/resolutions as we approach the New Year. What are some “more eternal” resolutions you can choose to make; resolutions that will last beyond this life?